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Re Paragraph 1.

For prosecution on the merits, Applicant elects Species 2, an electronic keyboard with alternative option means to be used according to operator preference allowing at least two alternative options for conveniently touch-typing the identical characters.

Re Paragraph 2.

The following independent claims are readable on the elected Species 2 invention:

Claims 6, 26, and 43.

Claim 6 claims a keyboard having means for optional alternative methods of use, according to user preference. Claim 26 uses different language to claim one particular such means already covered by claim 6. Claim 43 claims the method of use of the keyboard of claim 6. Applicant therefore believes all three independent claims properly belong together in a single application for Species 2.

Re Paragraph 3.

Applicant has no record or recollection of a telephone call on July 17. The current telephone number is (805) 925 - 2998. (E-mail: johnvictor@earthlink.net)

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